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SUBJ: OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE OPENS SESSION

1. OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE OPENED ITS 24TH SESSION JANUARY 8
IN DAR ES SALAAM'S KARIMJEE HALL, ATTENDED BY EIGHTEEN MEMBER
STATES, REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND HEADS OF
UN DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE, COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, AND SPECIAL
APARTHEID COMMITTEE. FOLLOWING BASED ON NOTES TAKEN AT SESSION.

2. PRINCIPAL OPENING SPEECH MADE BY TANZANIA'S PRESIDENT
NYERERE, WHO REVIEWED EVENTS OF 1974 LEADING TO FREEDOM OR
APPROACHING FREEDOM FOR PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES AND SHIFT OF
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MAIN FRONT OF LIBERATION OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. ON LATTER,

HE SAID AFRICA WAS AGREED THAT THERE MUST BE INDEPENDENCE WITH MAJORITY RULE FOR ALL OF NAMIBIA, AND THAT NO PARTITION OR #HIVING OFF" OF PARTS OF NAMIBIA BY SOUTH AFRICA COULD BE ACCEPTED. TURNING TO RHODESIA, HE SAID AFRICA INSISTED ON "INDEPENDENCE ON THAT BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE" AND EXPOUNDED AT LENGTH ON WHAT WAS MEANT BY THIS TERM, BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN SOME CONFUSION ON WHAT WAS MEANT, ESPECIALLY WHEN WORD "IMMEDIATE" USED. TO CLARIFY, AFRICA WANTS INDEPENDENCE FOR RHODESIA AS IT DID FOR PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, AND WANTS IT NOW. INDEED, THIS ONE SUBJECT ON WHICH BLACK AND WHITE RHODESIANS AGREE, SINCE AFRICANS WOULD SUPOORT UDI WITH MAJORITY RULE AND OPPOSE CONTINUED BRITISH COLONIALISM. IN EFFECT, HOWEVER, "NO INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT MAJORITY RULE" MEANS THAT SMITH MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN (1) IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE WITH MAJORITY RULE, OR (2) RESTORATION OF BRITISH COLONIAL RULE AND SUNSEQUENT NEGOTIATION -- WITH PARTI-CIPATION OF BOTH AFRICANS AND WHITES -- ON AN ORDERLY END TO COLONIALISM WITH POSSIBLE TRANSITIONAL STEPS TO MAJORITY RULE BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. WHILE AFRICA WOULD PREFER THE FIRST, IT WOULD NOT MAKE OBJECTIONS IF RHODESIAN AFRICANS ACCEPT SOME FORM OF SECOND SOLUTION AS PART OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITH BRITISH; WHAT IS TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCEPT, HOWEVER, IS INDEPENDENCE FOLLOWED BY PROMISE OF GRADUAL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE.

3. THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT, NYERERE SAID, PEACEFUL AND BY ARMED STRUGGLE, AND IT IS SMITH WHO WILL DETERMINE WHICH IS USED. AFRICANS PREFER PEACE, BUT ARE WILLING TO CONTINUE ARMED STRUGGLE IF SMITH REFUSES OR SABOTAGES CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE. IF SO, WAS WILL CONTINUE TO VICTORY, OR UNTIL ENEMIES DECIDE TO TALK MORE REASONABLY, HOWEVER, PERHAPS SMITH AND SOUTH AFRICA NOW TAKING AFRICA MORE SERIOUSLY; IF THERE IS A CONFERENCE, THE OAU MUST ENCOURAGE RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS TO PREPARE FOR IT FULLY AND TO PARTICIPATE SERIOUSLY. NYERERE SAID HE BELIEVED CONFERENCE WOULD TAKE PLACE, BUT THAT AFRICA MUST CONTINUE TO PREPARE TAKE UP ARMS AGAIN IF NECESSARY.

4. NYERERE SPEECH REPLIES TO ON BEHALF OF OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS BY DELEGATES FROM SOMALIA (OMAR ARTEH GHALEB), MAURITANIA, AND CONGO (BRAZZAVILE). SOMALI DELEGATE REVIEWED CURRENT AFRICAN COLONIAL SCENE, EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT PORTUGAL (ON BASIS SOARES VISIT TO MOGADISCIO) NOW IN-TENDING CARRY OUT ITS DECOLONIZATION COMMITMENTS, CONGRATULATING UNIFICATION OF ANGALOAN AND RHODESIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, WELCOMING EVENTS IN SEYCHELLES AND COMOROS, AND EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT SPAIN WOULD GIVE "FULL AND UNCONDITIONAL FREEDOM" TO SPANISH SAHARA. (INTER ALIA, HE CONGRATULATED RHODESIA'S NKOMO AND SITHOLE ON BEING PRESENT -- SO FAR AS WE KNOW, THEY ARE NOT UNIFIED ANC DELEGATION.) TURNING TO

FRENCH SOMALIA, HE MADE LENGTHY STATEMENT DENOUNCING FRENCH REFUSAL TO GIVE TERRITORY FREEDOM, CALLING ELECTIONS FAVORING FRANCE RIGGED AND ACCUSING FRANCE OF TURNING DJIBOUTI INTO POWERFUL, BARBED WIRE SURROUNDED, FORTRESS. HE READ STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT BARRE DISOWNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTIONS OF FRENCH SOMALILAND REFUGEES IN SOMALIA IF FRANCE CONTINUED ITS COLONIAL RULE THERE.) FINALLY HE MENTIONED PARTS OF EGYPT "OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL" AND SAID LIBERATION STRUGGLES IN NORTH AND SOUTH AFRICA WERE INSEPARABLE.

5. MAURITANIA DELEGATE (SPEAKING IN FRENCH) COVERED MUCH OF SAME GROUND, EXCEPT THAT SPANISH SAHARA ISSUE SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY SPAIN AND MAURITANIA. CONGOLESE DELEGATE ALSO COVERED BY NOW FAILIAR GROUND, REJECTING, INTER ALIA, NOTION THAT WHITE RULED SOUTH AFRICA COULD EVER ESTABLISH GOOD RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICA BY SHAKING HANDS POLITELY AT FRONTIERS WHILE CONTINUING TO MISRULE AT HOME.

6. THERE SPEAKERS SUCCEEDED BY FRELIMO'S SAMORA MACHEL, SPEACKING (IN PORTUGUESE) ON BEHALF OF ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. IN LENGTHY (OVER AN HOUR) ADDRESS HE REVIEWED IN DETAIL HISTORY OF LIBERATION CAMPAIGN IN MOZAMBIQUE AND REAONS FOR FRELIMO SUCCESS. HE ATTRIBUTED VICTORY TO UNITY AND ORGANIZATION OF MOZAMBIQUE IEOPLE, SAYING THAT WITHOUT UNITY NOTHING WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE. SECOND FACTOR IN VICTORS WAS POSSESSION OF "CORRENT POLITICAL LINE" WHICH ENABLED FRELIMO TO IDENTIFY REAL ECEMIES, AND ENLIST SUPPORT OF PEOPLE THROUGH POLITICAL PREPARATION AND PARTICIPATION. HE ATTACKED UNSPECIFIED REACTIONARY ELEMENTS WHO HAD OPPOSED CORRECT LINE WITHIN FRELIMO IN 1967-1969, "ENDING ASSASSINATION OF MONDLANE." SUCH REACTIONARIES SOUGHT TO REPLACE FOREIGN EXPLOITATION WITH NATIONAL EXPLOITATION, TO STIR UP TRIBALISM AND RACIALISM, AND TO CONVINCE MOZAMBIicans THAT AN ENTIRE RACE (I.E. WHITES) OR PEOPLE (I.E. PORTUGUESE) WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR ENEMY. IN NEW PHASE AFTER INDEPENDENCE PEOPLE MUST STILL BE DISCIPLINED AND VIGILANT AGAINST SUBVERSION OF THESE AND OTHER ENEMIES, AND AGAINST SUBVERSION OF THESE AND OTHER ENEMIES, AND AGAINST ELCOHOLISM, DRUG ADDICTION, AND SEXUAL CORRUPTION WHICH WERE USED BY ENEMY TO WEAKEN REVOLUTION.

7. MACHEL PRAISED AT LENTH OTHER AFRICAN CONTRIES (SPECI- FICALLY, TANZANIA, ZAMBIA, GUINEA, ZAIRE AND SENEGAL), THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND "DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES OF CAPITALIST COUNTRIES" FOR THEIR AID IN PAST, AND SAID PALESTINIAN AND VIETNAMESE STRUGGLES HAD ALSO HELPED. SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ("OUR NATURAL ALLIES" -- CITING USSR, CHINA, DEMOCRATIC GERMANY, ROMANIA, BULGARIA, KOREA, VIETNAM, YOGOSLAVIA) HAD ASSURED MOZAMBIQUE OF FULL SUPPORT IN CONSOLIDATION OF ITS POWER IN FUTURE. HE THEN DIGRESSED AT LENTH ON PORTUGUESE 1970

MOZAMBIQUE OFFENSIVE (OPERATION GORDIAN KNOT) WHICH HE CLAIMED
FRELIMO HAD TURNED INTO VICTORY OPENING WAY TO END OF WAR.

8. SPEAKING OF CURRENT MOZAMBIQUE SCENE, MONDLANE SAID COUNTRY
SUFFERING FROM BANKRUPTCY, LACK OF GOODS, HUNGER, AND SOCIAL
CHAOS, WITH ONE AND HALF MILLION IN "CONCENTRATION CAMPS"
(PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO "ALDEAMENTO" VILLAGES), TENS OF THOUSANDS
OF REFUGEES, AND MANY WAR VICTIMS. IN AREAS ALREADY OCCUPIED BY FREL
IMO
THEY HAD ALREADY UNCOVERED REACTIONARIES AND AMANY ARE NOW IN
CONTROL OF PEOPLE. THESE PROBLEMS WOULD BE SOLVED BY END OF DECADE,
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AND GOVERNMENT NOW PREPARING PLANS FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, LITERACY, HOUSING, AND DELINQUENCY.

9. TURNING TO SOUTHERN AFRICA, HE SAID ALL COUNTRIES THERE
(SOUTH AFRICA, ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE) SHOULD BE
COUNTRIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL RACES WHO CHOOSE TO IDENTIFY WITH
THEM, AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE PEOPLE, OF ALL RACES, WOULD
WIN OVER THE HANDFUL OF REACTIONARIES. MOZAMBIQUE WOULD
SUPPORT THE NOW UNIFIED ANC IN RHODESIA "TO EXTEND OF OUR
IOSSIBILITIES", AND WOULD SUPPORT NAMIBIA UNDER SWAPO. SOUTH
AFRICA IS AFRICAN COUNTRY, BUT ONLY GIVING SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE
RIGHT TO DIRECT COUNTRY'S DESTINY WILL CONSTITUTE SIGNIFICANT
CHANGE. WITH SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS ON ROAD TO SOLUTION,

NEW BATTLE NOW OEPNING AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND POLITICAL
AND ECONOMIC DOMINATION, INCLUDING MILITARY OCCUPATION OF EGYPT
BY ISRAEL, BUT CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE TO PEOPLE'S
VICTORIES.

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10. THEN OAU SECRETARY GENERAL (ETEKI) TOOK FLOOR AND WENT OVER
COLONIAL PANORAMA (IN FRENCH) AGAIN. HE REGRETTEED CONTINUED
DIVISIONS WITHIN ANGOLA'S MPLA AND THAT OAU NOT MORE INVOLVED IN
NEGOTIONS WITH PORTUGAL. HE SAID LIBERATION COMMITTEE SHOULD
NOT MAKE RECOMMENDATION RE AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF
PORTUGAL BECAUSE OF DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS OF MOGADISCIO
DECLARATION, WHICH SET AS CONDITIONS THAT (1)
PORTUGAL BE WELL STARTED TOWARDS DECOLONIZATION, (2) THAT POR-
TUGUESE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATE DEFEAT OF FASCISM AT HOME, AND
(3) METHODS OF PRESSURE BE PRESERVED IN CASE OF NEED. ON RHODESIA,
HE HAILED ANC UNIFICATION, BUT SAID OAU MUST REMAIN VIGILANT
AND INCREASE INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON RHODESIA. HE NOTED GREAT
RESPONSIBILITY OF BRITAIN IN MATTER. ON NAMIBIA HE SAID OAU MUST
INCREASE AID TO SWAPO MILITARY EFFORTS, AND PUT ON DIPLOMATIC
PRESSURE FOR UN REFERENDUM FOR NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. IN SPANISH
SAHARA COLONIALISM WAS BEING MAINTAINED IN THE GUISE OF
DECOLONIZATION. FINALLY, HE REFERRED TO RECENT UNGA EFFORTS TO
UNSEAT SOUTH AFRICA, GIVING SPECIAL PRAISE TO CHAIRMAN BOUTEFILKA.

11. SESSION CHAIRMAN (OUTGOING LIBERATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
EFON?) GAVE FINAL ROUNDUP OF OPENING SESSION.

12. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR DELEGATES,
BUT NOT TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS OR MOST SPECTATORS.

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